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To the Cosmic Spirit of the Month of May:

Greetings! Blessings! Gratitude! From the heart of every sweet Spirit Who has achieved Immortality under the grace of Your benediction, praise and adoration rises to You!

As the beauteous vestments of Amaryllis adorn the Holy Mother Earth, many of the Sons and Daughters of Heaven reminisce over the sweetness of Your Presence upon Whose ascending Flame They have entered the ranks of the Immortals!

Lord Buddha, kissing the sweet Earth a fond farewell; Lord Maha Chohan ascending into His Cosmic estate; Master Jesus culminating His victorious mission in the conscious Ascension; Beloved Saint Germain writing the final "memoirs" on His book of Earth life—all of these took place in the mystic month of May.

On the first Pentecost, the benediction of the Holy Comforter swept the dimming sparks of the disciples' faith and works into a Flame that has carried the Christian Dispensation to Its great height of accomplishment. This also took place in the radiance of May's Presence!

Today the chelas who walk the Path toward Mastery avail themselves of Your Presence and the full gathered momentum of all their illustrious forebears on the spiritual Path. They welcome You—sweet May—and Your opportunity for development of spiritual grace and mastery!

THOMAS PRINTZ, *Editor*

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BELOVED VIRGO

(Beloved Virgo is the great Being sometimes spoken of as "Mother Earth.")

Virgo, lovely mother of our blessed planet Earth,
Drawing forth light substance for her lovely virgin birth,
Substance glowing brighter than the glory of the Sun—
But that was in the early days, when Earth had just begun!
Earth sustained Her beauty rare for several million years,
Sent Her first root races Home, all free from doubts and fears.
These were Golden Ages longed and prayed for by all men,
Now Perfection comes again!

Then in love Earth offered to be host for other Stars
Who, preceding Earth, were taught by advanced Avatars.
From these Stars came laggard souls who, not evolving fast
And holding back Their victory, had to leave their homes at last.
Coming to the Earth, they brought their shadows Earthward too;
Through contagious radiation, all those shadows grew;
Dimmed the light and perfect sight of all evolving here—
All forgot their source so dear.

As the shadows lengthened o'er this dark'ning Earthly scene
The souls of men accepted discord ne'er before e'er seen.
Shadows grew and grew until not one on Earth was free
And even Guardian Spirits bright forgot their victory!
E'en the substance of the sea and air became despoiled—
Virgo's lovely substance became most completely soiled;
Lost Its radiant beauty and absorbed discordant sound,
Making dark and heavy ground.

But Virgo's heart stayed light with love and strength and courage rare,
As mothers will, She loved Her child and tended Her with care;
Kept Her breath of love and light expanding through each part,
Held the Earth and all upon It in Her blazing heart.
Knowing surely that one day the light of God must win—
What the Godhead outbreathed, It must once again breathe in.
On that rhythmic movement It, releasing light and love,
Draws all to their Home above.

So today, our Virgo dear, victorious in God's light,
How we love and bless the powers You've drawn from Heaven's height;
Love You for the constancy and strength that You have had
To raise the Earth and all thereon and make It happy, glad!
We bow before Your beauty and Your confidence so sweet,
Before Your power of light that keeps the Earth beneath our feet.
Make and keep us all You are, in light's great victory won—
Bless our Virgo, Central Sun!

The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom

TEMPLE OF GOD'S WILL, DARJEELING, INDIA

May 15th through June 14th 1955

The Temple of God's Holy Will is the focus of the Master El Morya, Chohan of the First Ray. It is located in Darjeeling, India. Here, the Masters and chelas who are dedicated to doing God's Will join together in an endeavor to find ways and means of bringing a conscious knowledge of God's Will to the mankind interested in cooperating to fulfill It so far as the Earth and Its evolutions are concerned.

God's Will, of course, is the *fullness* of perfection for all created beings. It contains the opulence of Divinity, Its perfect health, Its indestructible harmony, Its natural expression of perfection in mind and body. *There is no negative aspect of God's Will.* The acceptance of privation, disease or distress of any kind as God's Will is a wrong concept builded out of the lethargy of human consciousness which does not wish to make the self-conscious effort required *to overcome the cause of imperfection.*

The Nature of God is to expand Itself through any receptive consciousness, as the nature of the tree is to develop each year more blossoms, leaves, fruit and even physical size itself. Through the immortal flame in every human heart, God desires to fulfill Himself by expanding His qualities, nature, powers and activities. The purpose of individualization is to give the joy and opportunity of experiencing God-expansion through self-conscious intelligence.

Individualizations Who have come to a proper understanding of Their reason for being have aligned Themselves with God's Will and have allowed that Will to have Its Way through Them. They have become, in truth, Gods Themselves and have obeyed the edict "Be ye perfect, even as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

The Members of the Spiritual Hierarchy Who serve with the Beloved Elohim Hercules, the Archangel Michael and the Ascended Master Morya to help expand the understanding of the Will of God through man focus Their combined consciousness through the Temple of God's Will at Darjeeling.

Men and women who signify an interest in knowing God's Will and becoming co-workers in bringing that Kingdom of Heaven to Earth, come under Their particular guidance, protection and instruction. As water seeks its own level, so do the strata of consciousness seek the place and the focus where their interests lie. The Silent Watchers and Messengers from the Angelic Host answer the Call of these people. They hear the whispered prayer of the heart, the sincere aspiration of the soul and They bring to the attention of the Brothers and Sisters belonging to this Retreat the opportunity available to Them to assist in Their Cosmic Mission.

In their finer bodies at night, the chelas are drawn to the Focus of God's Will. Here they sit at the feet of the Masters, learn the current activities in which The Brotherhood are engaged and are taught how they may individually and collectively cooperate with the requirement of a given hour.

It is not enough to admire the focus of the glorious Flame of Royal Blue and Crystal which represents the combined consciousness of this Brotherhood. The chela must use the magnetic power of his own heart Flame and draw that Flame into his own mind, body, world and affairs. Thus he becomes a focus for God's Will in his own environment and a radiating center through which the combined assistance of the entire Brotherhood may enter the affairs of his nation, state, and local community.

The gentle reader is urged to invoke the Will of God into his own consciousness, mind, body, being, world and affairs during this thirty-day period and to give conscious acknowledgement to the magnificent Hierarch, El Morya.

(Note: For description of this Retreat, please see Transmission Flame Book, p. 42; The Bridge to Freedom, Vol. II, No. 1.)

"MAYTIME"

By the Ascended Master Saint Germain

Two of the most exquisite experiences of spiritual ecstacy that touch the consciousness of man, are the first moment of realization of individuality as a self conscious being at the beginning of the road of life and the first moment of realization of completion at the end of that road.

For Myself, May Day has always had a special significance. In many embodiments on Earth, I enjoyed the active participation of the festivals of the mystic month of May. I love the remembrance of Those Whose spiritual achievements were honored at each recurrent celebration of entrance into May; the honoring of the spiritual forces of Nature and their great Directors Whose rhythm of beauty and opulence are written on the face of the Earth to bring hope and fulfillment to the human heart; finally, the personal achievement of My Own Ascension from the wheel of birth and death—all these are in My storehouse of memory! All these remembrances, sweet as the dew upon the early spring flowers, can be called forth at will and woven into each successive Maytime to add to the sweetness of the gifts of the Spirit of May! Ah, sweet Spirit, upon Your perfumed essence many have risen to the heart of the Father of Light—HOME—to go out no more!

Many have asked for some personal reference to the experiences previous to My Own CALL HOME. For their pleasure, I shall recount a few of those experiences upon these pages.

Born to the throne of England but denied its authority, My soul did weep in sorrow and frustration. Stirring within My consciousness was a "seed idea," born of the Father of Light but not yet nourished and developed to the point where it might be efficaciously utilized by mankind. Yet such is the confusion of the outer consciousness, that often by effort of human will such ideas are aborted or stillborn before their time. This wisdom of abiding in the Will of the Father (Who will see that the fruit of His seeds matures at the right time) comes with suffering, with illumination and with grace. So I learned that the World Brotherhood was not to be the outcome of a dynasty of human kings but of a spiritual bond of selflessness, impersonal service and shared vision at a later day.

Suffice it to say—after *"The Tempest"* came *tranquillity*. So is it in the experience of every soul waking from the slumber of the ages, catching the vision of the future and, in its first zeal and immaturity, endeavoring to fashion that vision into form before its time.

A great Master and dear Friend Beloved Jesus, had been tempted long before Me to accept a human throne in order to

utilize the position of authority to further His Teachings. He wisely rebuked the interceding advocate for temporal power. Long before His Ministry, another (Lord Buddha) renounced an already secured throne to find the Heart of God and embody the Spirit of that Heart for his fellowmen.

It comes to every man in his time—an opportunity to relinquish all power and authority into the hands of The Father of Light. *When the great surrender is made—then the VICTORY does come!*

I remember well when My call came! I remember the dreams, the visions unfulfilled, the hopes and plans resulting from communion with My Maker that remained yet ephemeral phantoms; some woven into words which would outlive the garment of flesh I wore. (The Shakespearian classics, Bacon's Utopia, etc.)

To leave all these dreams and plans unfulfilled was not an easy task. Yet Those far greater than I, looking upon the future with unbound eyes, recommended that I prepare to come HOME. Other souls, strong and true, promised to weave their life energies into completing the pattern of My Free Star!

I remember yet how, after winding up My personal affairs as best I could, I left England and crossed the Channel. The rough and choppy seas and the heavy fogs brought to remembrance another crossing. Then only Faith sustained Us as We journeyed to the shores of a land where one day my vision would become fact (as Columbus).

The generous nobleman with the graceful horses waiting on the shores of France, the long journey across the green fields, the snug villages, the more difficult mountain passes into Transylvania—these are all burned into My heart for aye! The kind welcome of My host and friend, the enjoyment of the peaceful woodland, the soft bird song, the early spring flowers—all these tie my heart yet to dear "Mother Earth" and all who live upon Her.

Then came the final preparation of My soul to relinquish its last tabernacle, taking up a new Estate—and after that—THE CALL! I remember the breeze carrying the sweet scent of the flowers through the opened windows as I gave THE

ANSWER and My soul, released from the flesh, flew like the homing pigeon back into the bosom of the Eternal! Oh, the GRATITUDE for Freedom and for the promised service of those left behind. . . Children, all of the experiences of life that lead you from the turmoils of outer living to the tranquillity of heart where you may hear the summons and answer it are as nothing before the Victory that stands before you! *I know, for It has been Mine!*

THE ASCENSION OF MASTER JESUS

May 19, 1955

The Ascension of the sublimated soul is the goal of all human experience. Little do men realize how they weave the ladder of ascending consciousness throughout many Earth lives nor how much of the energy of other lifestreams is woven into its uplifting radiation.

Long before the hour of My Own Ascension upon the hill of Bethany, My dear Mother had walked the grassy pathway leading from the valley to the flat rock which forms the apex of that hill. Here, in deep contemplation and prayer, Her Own lifeforce ascended Heavenward and a flowing stream of energy created a natural spiritual pathway upon which My Own Spirit would, in time, return HOME.

On that fateful day, obedient to the call of The Father, I prepared for My final farewell to the Earth and to those with whom I had served and lived in my all too brief Earth life. Only John and My Mother knew the nature of the experience that lay before Me.

Rising early, I poured My love to the sweet Earth, fragrant with the perfume of a new Springtime; to the cleansing waters that had baptized My soul and purified My body; to the purifying air which I had gratefully breathed into My lungs in that first breath so long ago in a stable in Bethlehem; to the ascending Sun Whose example I was to follow on this day of days. I sent forth my invocation to the Holy Comforter to enter into the heart and consciousness of My earnest and devout disciples, to sustain them on the true Way. Toward the crown of the hill of Bethany, I walked the pathway made by the shin-

ing footprints of My Mother's constant novena for My Victory. Mother and John, knowing of My coming initiation, gathered the disciples and loved ones about them so that I might have a few hours of privacy with My Lord and My God.

Shortly before the noon hour, they ascended the hilltop and as the Sun reached Its zenith, I placed them all lovingly in the Hands of the Father, accelerated the vibratory action of My vehicles and bid the world and its experiences a fond adieu. Since then I have returned often in My Immortal Garments to those I love and who love and serve Me, *for there is no separation in love divine.*

Knowing the supreme glory of that hour, I can but urge each dear child of God to prepare for that day! When the hour comes and the summons from the Father of Light reaches the heart you, too, will know the full and true purpose for individual being. It is to become a Sun of Light in yourself, free of the wheel of birth and death and Master of energy and vibration but yet servant of all that lives until all life becomes God-free also.

JESUS

BELOVED EL MORYA

(Short talk before Beloved Kuthumi's Transmission report, March 19, 1955)

(Editor's note: Upon hearing of the possible eruption of the volcano "Kilauea" on the Island of Hawaii, a group of students decided to concentrate an entire meeting upon making calls and singing songs to the Ascended Masters for protection of the Hawaiian Islands and their people. After the meeting started, the whole group, at the suggestion of the leader, closed their eyes and definitely "projected themselves" by mental concentration to the cone of the volcano. We tried to feel the crusty lava bed beneath our feet, imagining we were really there and gave our decrees looking right down into the cone. We sang our songs in like manner and at the close of the meeting we asked our Beloved Master, El Morya, to let us know what had actually taken place through our efforts. We give you below the answer to our call.)

Ladies and gentlemen! Greetings and love from My heart. Among the Sons and Daughters of Heaven there is always an endeavor to secure your attention through the mind's eye, your consciousness and your feelings, for even a moment. So, as the Sponsor and the actual, shall we say, "founder of this network," I have asked permission to speak to you for just a few minutes about your magnificent accomplishment of last Thursday evening. This gives Us hope for great progress and accomplishment on a world-wide scale in this year of decision.

The transfer of consciousness from place to place requires

a certain training of the "inner man." It requires a certain concentration of the mind and capacity through fluidic use of thought pictures to anchor into the activities taking place. Over the past year We have endeavored to the best of Our ability to show you various activities at Inner Realms. Then came the opportunity to draw your attention to a spot on the face of your planet where there is a great crisis at this time.

Both Lord Michael (the Archangel) and Myself witnessed your endeavors and I would like to describe to you something of what took place. You know, you are never alone when you are endeavoring to serve the Law, the Light, God, the Masters or mankind. Always there is in attendance some Sponsor from the God-free, although They do not always express Themselves in words. According to your sensitivity are you receptive to that Sponsor's current.

When great Continents are so loaded with the iniquities of the discordant thoughts and feelings of mankind that it is thought necessary by the Cosmic Law to purge them, there is imprisoned within the substance of those Continents certain elemental life. In justice, that life must one day be free. The more the calls for freedom go forth—the more the desire within the hearts of mankind is joined with active service in making those calls, the sooner will imprisoned life demand its freedom. According to its nature, it will demand freedom at the time it hears the call. A dog demands freedom according to its nature; so does a human or a Divine Being. Therefore, within the gas belts and those focuses of hate, when imprisoned life there hears the call to come forth, it responds by endeavoring to burst its bonds, according to its nature. Unless that nature is consciously transmuted, you will have the eruptions and explosions of volcanic action which represent the qualified energy before sublimation has taken place. If that energy could be separated into its infinitesimal electronic particles (it is made up of millions and millions of them)—if you could take one and magnify it large enough to examine it, you would see the resentment, the scowl on the little face, the rebellion that is within the tiny form *that has been imprisoned for many millions of years!* As that life rushes forth in its extreme determination to be free, it causes tremendous cataclysmic activity.

As you approached the cone of the volcano ("Kilauea"), as you stood and directed your love through songs and decrees

into that open cone, what happened? There came a Being of embodied Love from the Archangel Chamuel's Legions of the Pink Adoration Flame Who stood over the cone and, by the magnetic power of Her love, drew the substance of these particles right through Her Own body. They emerged from Her body beautiful, shining, winged sylphs, something like your magnificent butterfly, or perhaps more like the transparent wing of the sylph itself. That is what takes place in the releasing of imprisoned life when conscious lifestreams, directing energy, sublimate and transmute imperfection. As this life is released (as it will be if you continue in your endeavors), it will be of tremendous assistance to the freeing of the Earth itself! You may invoke the sustaining of as many of those Beings of the Pink Flame as you desire to assist in releasing this imprisoned life back to the Sun in happiness. It might as well go in happiness as in sorrow. It might as well go in harmony and in rhythm as in blasts of resentment and rebellion that will cause untold destruction. We are delighted with your endeavor and hope you will soon give this instruction to other earnest students throughout the world, with the prompting that they should not wait for a word from headquarters for permission to so act, as the succeeding months take their toll. The group director, however, in cooperation with the students, should meet and project the collective consciousness of their groups to any point on the surface of the planet where there is distress of any nature. There they should consciously make the calls for the transmutation of that distress. This training, under the auspices of Lord Michael and Myself is of great potential service to mankind. . .

Instruction on the Ascension by BELOVED MASTER EL MORYA

". . . Think of the long journey of each soul—millions of embodiments, trials, errors, hopes and disillusionments; karma always being woven out of every thought, feeling and action; chains and limitations that wait to enshroud the incoming soul through which the Spirit seeks to fulfill a portion of the Divine Plan and return to the Karmic Board with a harvest in which there is something of merit.

Finally, the embodiment of opportunity comes! The soul

is accepted by Beloved Serapis Bey and the Brotherhood at Luxor. The soul is sponsored by the Ascension Temple and examined by the Karmic Board, Who look carefully at both the strength of the individual as well as the amount of unpaid debts which remain on the books of such an one. If the spiritual strength is such that it is even remotely possible that the incarnated spirit may redeem, transmute, purify and sublimate those energies set into motion so carelessly through many ages, the soul is accepted; "Candidate for the Ascension" is written across the etheric body and an incarnation is arranged where all the opportunities will be given for such balancing of the debts. There are also opportunities given to contact the Teacher, to learn again the spiritual law in the outer consciousness.

Then the soul, balancing itself precariously between the opportunities to illumine the outer self and the seeming burdens (opportunities in disguise, the returning energies seeking redemption) becomes the personal "Field of Armageddon" . . . light and shadow . . . strength and weakness . . . aspiration and abandonment. The Sponsor watches, hopes and prays. The light from above plays upon the momentums of good in the lifestream; the forces of gathered concubiscence in the Astral Realm play upon the weaknesses.

Then, one day, when the service has been enough, the purification sufficient, the constancy, loyalty and perseverance to the light proven (not in days of happy experience but in hours and years of adversity) the call comes "Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Come Home in dignity, wearing Freedom's robes and enter the spiritual household of your Lord!"

Each of Us Who is now ascended remembers that summons and the lift of heart, of soul and of spirit, when the chain of life and seeming death was broken and We were invited HOME.

For even one spirit who comes Home, the rocks, the trees, the Nature Kingdom, sings a song of gratitude. The Heavenly Host also join in and there thrills through every human heart (although the cause is unknown) a little vibration of happiness and exaltation which men often attribute to some personal experience although that may be far from the true reality. The heart flame of the densest of sinners sings at the freedom of part of its element at last. . ."

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

ON WHITSUNTIDE—MAY 29, 1955

MAHA CHOHAN

The visitation of the Holy Spirit which is celebrated in the feast of Pentecost (Whitsuntide) resulted in the firing of the souls of certain men to a point where, at will, their consciousness could perform seeming miracles of resurrection, redemption and spiritual resuscitation. What was the individual preparation which made such a visitation possible and the acceptance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit by those simple men manifest in their works? A humble heart, a contrite spirit, a complete surrender to the Will of God!

EL MORYA

The soul of man is evolved through the centuries as a result of personal experience. Consciousness, experimenting with the use of energy, sets up causes in the thought and feeling centers. Manifest on the screen of life, these causes create certain effects. The effects in turn press back upon their individual creator and his reaction to them makes the calibre of the soul. Within the soul dwells a spark of the Holy Spirit Which gives life, intelligence and individual consciousness to every man. The impressions which have made up the soul-life through the ages have encased the spiritual Self in a tomb of rebellions, resentments, fears, doubts and the various ramifications of imperfection. The Spirit slumbers until the soul, unhappy with its satiation of the senses, begins searching again for the Way back Home. Then comes the opportunity for the rebirth of Spirit through self—the personal, individual Whitsuntide.

KUTHUMI

The Holy Spirit, a Universal Comforting Presence, embodied in Our Lord The Maha Chohan, (so far as this Earth's evolution is concerned), is as gentle as the dove, as silent as the sunrise, as gracious as the Godhead Itself of Whom It is representative. Not in loud exhortations and physical mortifications is It drawn into the heart of man! No! rather by the opening of the doors and windows of the soul in gentle love, in humility, in self surrender, does the Spiritual Messenger of Peace light gracefully upon the ever widening portals of the soul's chamber and abide therein.

PAUL, THE VENETIAN

No man need affirm that he is a disciple of the Holy Spirit. His kindly eyes, his gentle smile, his helping hand, his embodied virtue speak for him. Within the individual who truly loves his neighbor as himself, there stirs the renewal of the Spirit of the Most High. The sweet perfume and essence of divinity pouring forth from such an one brings peace, hope, faith, grace, healing and spiritual illumination. Even if such a disciple should speak not a word in the course of an entire lifetime, the Spirit of God through him could do more than a thousand zealots whose souls are still locked against the Gentle Presence.

SERAPIS BEY

At Luxor, Our endeavor is to reunite the soul of man with his Spiritual Source, from whence he has become temporarily disconnected *in consciousness.* All experiences in this world or the "hereafter" are in truth experiences in consciousness. Separation from God and union with God are not a matter of bodily contact but of realization which is an activity of consciousness. When the student understands this, he takes the accumulated consciousness of the ages (called the soul) and purifies it to a point where the effulgent light of the Spirit may again shine through the outer self. Thus the mystery (so called) of sublimation, transfiguration and spiritual resurrection takes place.

HILARION

Every manifest expression on every plane is comprised of vibrating energy (God life). Control of the rate of vibration *consciously* is mastery. Control by the vibrations unconsciously exuding from oneself or another is imprisonment. Religion and science will one day meet when this truth is accepted by the leading minds in both fields of endeavor. With regard to

the celebration of Whitsuntide, I would like to point out that the vibratory action of the soul is determined by the thoughts and feelings of the outer self—not only in the sweet hour of prayer but throughout the entire day. When these vibrations are inharmonious, depressed, impure or generally imperfect, the vibratory action of the soul is slow, dense and non-receptive to the finer, higher, cleaner vibrations of the Spirit. In other words, there is no vehicle of reception for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In your modern world, if there is no radio nor television apparatus to "step-down" the vibratory action of the programs that fill the room, the individuals do not receive nor enjoy them. If the soul is "short-circuited" by the imperfect vibrations set up in consciousness (thought and feeling), the gifts and blessings of the Holy Spirit flow around such an one until they find an open door of receptive vibrations which magnetize them by similarity of quality—peace, healing, purity, illumination, faith. The simple men who sought the Holy Comforter entered the Upper Chamber (by raising the vibratory action of their souls) and, according to that conscious endeavor, were they visited by The Presence.

JESUS

The reliance of man upon form through the centuries has resulted so often in disappointment, disillusionment and, generally, in the retarding of self endeavor. It was for this reason that even I found it necessary to remove My outer form from the attention of the disciples, to give the stimulus and impetus so that the individual soul might make conscious, personal effort to create the conditions whereby each one might find for himself the Presence of God within. *My achievement,* although an example, *would not result in the development of mastery in another unless that one followed My Own application and raised himself to attunement with the Father Himself!* Thus did I make the sacrifice, promising the coming of the Comforter. Believing in My Words, the disciples did make the personal effort to raise their own soul's light. Finally collectively they were ready for the wonderful, mystic union—"the second birth." The Holy Spirit entered into their souls, filling them with the sense of power, of achievement, of faith, all of which are the nature of God. *Then they knew from personal experience how I felt* and *in that knowing* were they able to

transcend human laws and perform so-called miracles. So shall it be for everyman who desires a personal Whitsuntide and who will make conscious effort to prepare for the coming of that Comforter Who is the Master Presence of God awaiting summons to kindle the spark of Immortality in every human heart.

SAINT GERMAIN

Truly every man is a part of God. There could be no individuality without that Presence which is life, intelligence and spiritual strength Itself. It is self-evident, however, that not all men are equally partaking of their Divine heritage. Not all men are equally manifesting the gifts, powers and nature of God. It is to develop and mature the God-nature *through the individual* that We devote our lives and talents. The supreme effort upon the part of man to prepare his soul for the Presence of the Holy Comforter *is his part of the endeavor.* Then, like the parable of the prodigal Son, the rushing Comforting Presence finds a bridge of harmoniously qualified energy in such a man and joins the spark of immortality slumbering within him. *Then God and man are one*—the miracle of Whitsuntide!

THE WESAK FESTIVAL

(Celebrated this year on May 6th)
(Approximately 5 p.m. eastern standard time)

Every Great Avatar and World Teacher is allowed to develop some means of transmitting His Own current of blessing to the followers of His faith yet abiding in the world of form. This spiritual communion differs with each religion which is established as a particular outpouring of cosmic benediction to nourish the souls of men.

In the case of the Lord Guatama Buddha, His infusion of spiritual consciousness into the receptive souls of men takes place once each year at the time of the full moon. The concentration of His Presence is focused through India, the land of His ministrations to the children of Earth.

The place of celebration of the Wesak Festival is changed from year to year in order to allow particularly auspicious natural currents to cooperate with the visitation. No outer invitation is ever given to be present at the solemn ceremony

when the Lord Buddha pours out the spiritual essence of His Cosmic consciousness upon mankind. The heart, stirred by the awakened perceptions of the soul, is the compass and guide of many thousands who embark upon the pilgrimage to the Wesak Valley (wherever it may be located each year). For those few who find it, thousands have searched for it for an entire embodiment in vain.

Now, however, as the consciousness of mankind finds fuller freedom to travel to the spiritual centers activated by the Presence of The Brotherhood without the encumbrance of flesh, all interested may take their places with The Great White Brotherhood, do honor to The Presence of The Buddha and become grails to carry His benediction back into their homes, families, activities and environments.

As the moon rises full over the Wesak Valley, Lord Maitreya, and all of the Spiritual Hierarchy bow low before the Luminous Presence of Lord Buddha Which materializes in the atmosphere over the entire assembly. Then Lord Maitreya raises the golden bowl of water from the altar and all the assembled pilgrims raise those vessels which they have brought with them. A spiritual benediction and essence flows from the Beloved Buddha to all. The members of The Brotherhood come up to Lord Maitreya in the order of Their admission and sip of the water so consecrated and the pilgrims also sip theirs, taking the remainder home to their loved ones.

The noble eight-fold path as taught by Lord Buddha can well be pondered and adopted by the earnest chela today, asking that the illumination of the Truths that are within It be given each one as a practical guide for daily living:

Right Belief
Right Thought
Right Speech
Right Action
Right Exertion
Right Remembrance
Right means of livelihood
Right Concentration.

(Recommended reading for spiritual attunement to this Great Activity: The Light of Asia by Sir Edwin Arnold.)

THE GURU AND THE CHELA

By the Ascended Master Kuthumi

CHELA—Beloved Master, what is the advantage of belonging to a group of lifestreams dedicated to spiritual service, when so often the frictions between individuals seem to hamper personal harmony and peace?

GURU—Blessed chela, in all spiritual development, the individual must make a voluntary choice—whether he will use his energies in *collective* endeavors or to attempt to ascend the spiritual path *alone*. The heart (not a sense of duty), must prompt such voluntary cooperative service. From time immemorial, there has been the conflict in the human breast between shunning cooperative endeavor in order to find personal peace, or serving a unified Cause to give the spiritual strength of united energies for the good of the whole.

The words of the Master Jesus express a Cosmic Truth—"Where two or more are gathered together in My Name (*Nature*), there am I in the midst of them." The *nature* of the communal service will determine its efficacy to the individual and to the common good. Therefore, individuals who within themselves have not accepted this type of joint service will benefit little from communal endeavors and will, oft times, have a disintegrating effect upon the entire group.

CHELA—Beloved Master, would you suggest that the individual proceed alone until such time as he can harmonize with group endeavors?

GURU—Blessed chela, there is no more wonderful discipline of the lower self than to learn *through participation* in communal activities how to harmonize with the purpose of the group service and the individuals who form a part of such a group. No man knows his own strength and mastery until it is tested in actually mingling with other lifestreams—imperfect, as he himself is.

However, as the individual consciousness blends into and becomes actually a part of the spiritual entity created for the purpose of worship and service, it is the obligation of each such member to bring to the group activity as much individual, personal harmony, tolerance, understanding, wisdom,

cooperation, enthusiasm and faith as he can draw forth through his own personal application and contemplation of the God Presence.

I can but repeat the words of a wise man who walked the Earth: "The habit and tonsure help but little, but the changing of life and the mortifying of passions make a person perfectly and truly religious (Christ-like)."

CHELA—Beloved Master, is it true that individuals often harmonize with one particular type of worship and group of associates and find great personal aggrevations and grievances with another?

GURU—Blessed chela, certainly! The Ray to which a man belongs; the habits of religious worship through the centuries (builded into the etheric body); the race in which he is born; the background of his present earthly life, all of these are determining factors in the spiritual rapport among individuals.

CHELA—Beloved Master, should a man then continue to seek until he finds those with whom he feels this sense of spiritual rapport or align himself with those whom circumstance has placed in his path?

GURU—Blessed chela, it depends upon the sincerity, development and nature of the individual man. The course of the determined chela is to bring himself into rapport with those with whom he is given opportunity to serve. The willful individual, seeking always the "greener grass on the other side of the fence" must pursue his search until he finds that the peace, tranquillity, and capacity to work with others (forgetting self), *do not come from the actions and reactions of others,* but are dependant upon his own reaction to internal and external aggravations.

CHELA—Beloved Master, individuals who find the Presence of God and live in harmony without belonging to any communal group often seem more at peace than the congregations of spiritually intended people.

GURU—Blessed chela, this is true. One reason is that group endeavors draw more concentrated power and render a greater service to the impersonal life that requires redemption, purification and salvation. The individual who offers to become part of such a magnetizing and radiating center voluntarily offers to take as part of his karma the reaction caused by moving the "invisible forces" that hinder man's progress.

Each individual is a magnet drawing pure, primal life into the qualifying center of his own consciousness. Each individual is also a radiating center, emanating the qualified life so drawn. In unity there is strength. When a group of individuals determines to draw more healing power, more protective radiation, more purifying currents into the atmosphere of Earth, the result of their cooperative endeavors is of necessity a greater benediction flowing from their blended energies than could possibly be drawn by one individual. Further, the Spiritual Hierarchy can more easily and with less expenditure of Their Cosmic essence, *nourish a group* of individuals gathered together in God's Name than They can when They must seek out each individual worshiper and tunnel through the lower atmosphere a channel for that benediction. This conservation of the energy of the Masters is greatly appreciated by Us.

CHELA—Beloved Master, when an individual is not in harmony with a leader or speaker, what course should he pursue?

GURU—Blessed chela, he should pursue the course of the generous, compassionate, tolerant follower of Christ. The leader or speaker has offered—no matter how great his personal limitations may be—to create a focus of God-aspiring individuals through which two purposes are served:

First, the individual student is stimulated by the enthusiasm, the inspiration, the strength and the collective consciousness of those who are of like intent. The student is also the recipient of all the spiritual energies magnetized and drawn through the songs, invocations, decrees and visualizations. Second, the Godhead and the Masters, the Angelic Host and the Devas are provided with a conductor through which Their energies may be transmitted into the mental and feeling worlds of mankind who are not yet "seeking the place of the Most High."

Thus, such a leader renders a great service to God and to his fellowman while attempting, at the same time, to work

out his individual karma. If the teacher waited until he himself was perfected before sharing his knowledge, enthusiasm, faith and spiritual light with his fellowman, We would have no representatives in the world of form. As soon as the teacher perfects himself he ascends into a realm to which he has earned the right of access. Consider the teacher as a fellow student upon the Path, bless him, pray for him, love him for his courage to take on the karma of other individuals through such service and raise the teacher by your love—do not destroy him by your condemnation (silent or spoken). This is a mortal sin!

CHELA—Beloved Master, if an individual desires to serve God, it would seem that he could best do that by disciplining himself and, in the company of other like-minded men and women, attempt to perfect himself, at the same time participating in communal endeavors on behalf of the race.

GURU—Blessed chela, truly spoken. A long time ago, I wrote a few humble words which I would like to place before you again for consideration:

"Lord, make me a channel of Thy peace,
That where there is hatred—I may bring love;
That where there is wrong—I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;
That where there is discord—I may bring harmony;
That where there is error—I may bring truth;
That where there is doubt—I may bring faith;
That where there is despair—I may bring hope;
That where there are shadows—I may bring THY light."

(St. Francis of Assisi)

MONTHLY LETTER TO TRANSMISSION CLASS

May, 1955

Beloved children, earnestly seeking *to know* and *to do* God's Will:

How marvelous is the consciousness that sincerely and earnestly comes to the point of spiritual submission to the Will of God. He who truly feels the desire expressed in Philippians 2:5 (*"Let this mind be in me which is also in Christ Jesus"*)

stands at the threshhold of a new world of inner peace, spiritual guidance, Divine accomplishment and personal mastery. During this thirty-day period we enter the radiation of the Master El Morya, Who represents the Spiritual Intelligence and Messenger. He brings a conscious knowledge of God's Will to those who ask for it. "Ask and ye shall receive" is a spiritual law. The grace and courtesy of the Godhead does not intrude except where invited.

Let those who signify an interest in approaching the Presence of God and His Embodied Will prove their interest to be more than cursory by making the personal surrender to the Divine Will at this time. Once an hour, daily, for even a moment, raise your conscious mind to The Father and ask that the Will of God be done *for* you, *through* you and through all mankind. Thus will you become a magnet for the spiritual guidance and inspiration from God which all mankind require. This is particularly necessary for the leaders of nations, religions and all constructive channels that serve mankind in order to return our Earth and all upon it to the God-estate—the Kingdom of Heaven at Hand!

Love and blessings,

THE MAHA CHOHAN

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Statement for Transmission Class of May 21, 1955

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"I AM	inbreathing	th' love	and joy	of doing	God's Will	from Beloved	El Morya
"I AM	absorbing	"	"	"	"	"	"
"I AM	expanding	"	"	"	"	"	"
"I AM	loving	"	"	"	"	"	"

Color of Flame: Royal blue and crystal; Keynote "Pomp and Circumstance"
Hierarch: El Morya, Chohan of First Ray

FRATERNALLY YOURS

Dear Editor: We are so grateful for the opportunity of learning of the current activities and services of the beloved Masters at this time. Each month, in Austria, Germany and Italy, the students gather together at 2 or 3 in the morning to join in honoring the Spirit of the Holy Comforter and to assist in transmitting His blessed, peace-giving radiation

throughout Europe. It is so wonderful to have the material in the language of our birth! God bless you.—M. D., Switzerland.

(Ed.) One of the purposes of the present endeavor is to make available the instructions of the Ascended Masters so that every man, in every nation, may be nourished by the spiritual impetus of such knowledge. We commend the fidelity and enthusiasm of these students and all who so kindly and generously contribute of their time, money, energy and sustenance to make possible the translation and dissemination of the words of the Masters to the people of Europe at this time.

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Dear Editor: Do you know how I look forward each week to the receiving of The Bulletin? It is like a weekly bit of Heaven that I know is coming. It is something to look forward to. I bless all who prepare it and mail it. I love you all dearly.—Mrs. Z.M.B., Cleveland, Ohio.

(Ed.) Thank you, beloved one. The more of the essence of the Holy Comforter that enters the feelings of the students, the greater will be individual peace and then world peace.

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Dear Editor: Please convey to all the Great Beings the love and gratitude of the students of New Zealand. We are so grateful for all the Masters are doing. The joy of knowing Them through "The Bridge" is so great and we do love Them. The personal touch is marvelous to us and the dear Karmic Board have become a part of our lives. Dear Opportunity, You are very welcome. Please God, make us worthy. It seems difficult to learn to be universal in consciousness but we are trying and shall win!—M.G., Bay of Islands, N. Z.

(Ed.) We love you too, dear students of Australia and New Zealand. The beloved Surya radiates over New Zealand and the God of Gratitude has His focus in Australia.

Dear Editor: Reviewing all the blessings we have received through "The Bridge" brings to mind the necessity for gratitude to The Source and the servers. The words from Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," Act IV: Scene 1, come to my mind forcibly—

"For it so falls out that what we have we prize not to the worth *whiles we enjoy it,* but being lacked and lost, why *then* we rack the value, *then* we find the virtue that possession would not show us *whiles it was ours.*"—P. P., Canada.

(Ed.) Truly wise is the man who recognizes blessings and acknowledges them *in their time.* Remorse and the "might have beens" are so evident when opportunity has flown and time of accomplishment is past.

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OUR PLATFORM

THE BRIDGE comes to you as a Messenger of Peace, a Harbinger of Hope, a Span over which your outer consciousness may walk in safety into the Presence of the Great White Brotherhood, share in Their Plans and Endeavors on behalf of mankind, and consciously avail yourself of the radiation and blessing which such knowledge brings.

Despite ALL claims to the contrary, you are asked to examine the fibres that are woven into the strands of Its Policy, and in *HONEST, UNBIASED INDIVIDUAL JUDGMENT,* ask yourself what agency is presently giving, or has previously offered information of this nature, with its attendant individual blessing, its spiritual value in uniting the energies of the race with The Brotherhood in this hour, *WITHOUT COMMERCIALIZING* the credulous, *IDEALIZING* any personality, or *FORBIDDING* individual freedom of conscience and action, within the natural confines of moral and ethical purity.

Platform

Freedom for every lifestream to develop and unfold its talent *AND UTILIZE THOSE TALENTS for the good of life!*

Justice for every soul who has put his shoulder to the wheel, no matter what flaws of personal character have dimmed the full manifestation of service.

Unity of the members of the Spiritual Brotherhood, through coordinated, directed, rhythmic, universal instructions on the Law and the requirements of the hour.

Love and tolerance for all life, which bind together, rather than divide the peoples of earth, the conscious students on the path and those Leaders who are big enough to admit that the Sun cannot limit its shining to but one "sunbeam."

Truth Unveiled so that all who apply to the Cosmic Fount may be filled and none turned away in bitterness and emptiness.

Peace which comes from liberty of conscience and action, within the reasonable confines of honor and ethical purity.

Action through coordinated, directed, systematically distributed instructions in the cause of World Good!